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DOT-E 6626
(SEVENTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2006

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: BOC Gases
Murray Hill, NJ

(See Appendix A to this document for a list of additional grantees)

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION: This exemption authorizes a 10-year retest interval for certain DOT Specification 3A or 3AA cylinders and ICC-3, 3A, or 3AA cylinders manufactured before December 31, 1945 for the materials described in paragraph 6 below. This exemption provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 180.209(b)(i) in that cylinders manufactured before December 31, 1945 are not authorized for a 10-year retest interval, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of BOC Gases dated August 19, 2004, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

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6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

| Hazardous Material Description | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Proper Shipping Name | Hazard Class/ Division | Identification Number | Packing Group |
| The specific chemical name or compressed gas, n.o.s. authorized for DOT Specification 3A or 3AA cylinders, as appropriate | as appropriate | as appropriate | as appropriate |

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Prescribed packagings are DOT Specification 3A or 3AA cylinders and cylinders marked ICC 3, 3A or 3AA, not exceeding 125 lbs. capacity, complying in all respects with § 180.209(b) except that the cylinders were manufactured before December 31, 1945.

b. TESTING - The hydrostatic water jacket test may be performed every ten years instead of every five years. In addition, cylinders must be in conformance with CGA's pamphlets, C-1 "Methods for Hydrostatic Testing of Compressed Gas Cylinders" and C-5, "Cylinder Service Life-Seamless Steel, High Pressure Cylinders".

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. A person who is not a holder of this exemption who receives a package covered by this exemption may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package or its contents and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.

b. MARKING - Each cylinder must be durably marked "DOT-E 6626". A cylinder marked "DOT SP 6626" may continue to be used under the terms of this exemption. A cylinder so marked must be remarked "DOT-E 6626", prior to the next scheduled retest or 365 days, whichever comes first.

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9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, cargo aircraft only, and passenger-carrying aircraft.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each cargo vessel and aircraft used to transport packages covered by this exemption. The shipper must furnish a copy of this exemption to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Persons operating under the terms of this exemption must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
 - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

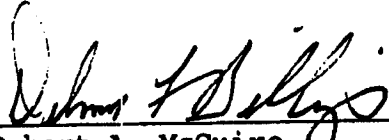
Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this exemption must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this exemption, including display of its number, when the exemption has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (Sections 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken

under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incident involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for Robert A. McGuire
Associate Administrator for
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Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.
Attention: DHM-31.

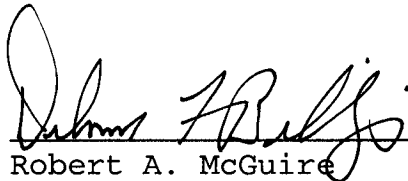
Copies of this exemption may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/exemptions> Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this exemption are permitted. Any alteration of this exemption is prohibited.

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The following are hereby granted party status to this exemption based on their application(s) submitted in accordance with § 107.107 or § 107.109, as appropriate:

| Company Name City/State | Application Date | Issue Date | Expiration Date |
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| Advantage Gases & Tools Portland, ME | Oct 8, 2004 | Nov 9, 2004 | Sep 30, 2006 |
| Coastal Welding Supply, Inc. Beaumont, TX | Nov 10, 2004 | DEC 1 2004 | Sep 30, 2006 |
| Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. East Rutherford, NJ | Sep 20, 2004 | Oct 12, 2004 | Sep 30, 2006 |
| National Welders Supply Company, Inc. Charlotte, NC | Sep 30, 2004 | Oct 26, 2004 | Sep 30, 2006 |



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